

When Your Senior Dog Needs to See a Vet

If your senior dog is getting biannual veterinary exams, you need not be alarmed at small changes in his behavior expression of minor discomfort. But one or more of the following symptoms could be caused by a range of minor or major illnesses. In these cases, it is not your job to diagnose the disorder. Observe your dog and report his symptoms to Dr. Flanary as soon as possible. If he is struggling to breathe or loses consciousness, take him to Flanary Veterinary Clinic immediately.

Your Senior Dog Needs to See Dr. Flanary or Dr. Walter When He/She . . .

- Drinks water or urinates more often than usual
- Loses weight
- Is unusually hungry
- Vomits repeatedly
- Has diarrhea lasting for more than three days
- Finds it difficult to pass stool or urine
- Forgets his housebreaking habits
- Exhibits lameness for more than five days or in more than one leg
- Has trouble seeing
- Develops a foul mouth odor or drools excessively
- Appears to gain weight only in his abdomen
- Spends more time than usual sleeping or gazing into space
- Loses hair or scratches, especially if only in specific areas
- Pants excessively
- Is unable to chew dry food
- Collapses suddenly or has a bout of weakness
- Has a seizure (convulsion)
- Coughs persistently or gags often
- Has bleeding from the mouth, nose or rectum
- Has a significant decrease in appetite or does not eat for more than two days



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